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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Robert J. Panek, Jr. : Art Unit: 3727
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For: MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL :
SYSTEM :

Amdt
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5/28/03
Bloss

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2002

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Responsive to the Office Action dated November 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows and reconsider the rejection of claims 22-53 for the following reasons:

CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 54-103 as follows:

- 1 54. (Newly Added) A carrier configured to hold a container having
2 a door mounted for reciprocation between opened and closed positions, said carrier
3 comprising:
4 a body portion at least partially defining a cavity sized to
5 receive the container;
6 a hood coupled to the body portion and configured to extend
7 over at least a portion of said cavity and to extend over at least a portion of the
8 container when the container is received in said cavity of said body portion; and
9 an arm coupled to said hood for reciprocal movement with
10 respect to said hood, said arm being adapted for engagement with the door of the

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